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19. (Amended) A communication information recording method according to claim 11, wherein the recording apparatus is a video tape recorder.

20. (Amended) A communication information recording method according to claim 11, wherein the recording apparatus is a hard disk device.

21. (Amended) A computer readable memory medium storing a program for executing a communication information recording method adapted for use in a communication apparatus capable of receiving communication information from the outside, the method comprising a discrimination step, of discriminating presence or absence of reception of the communication information; and a control step, of executing control, in a case of reception of the communication information, to set a recording apparatus, capable of recording the communication information, in a state capable of recording, wherein said control step includes executing control, in a case where the communication information is judged as the image signal, to cause the recording apparatus to start recording and to record the recording start of recording.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-12 and 14-21 remain in this application. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 11, 12 and 14-21 have been amended to define still more clearly what Applicant regards as his invention, in terms which distinguish over the art of record; apart from minor changes in wording, the recitations of Claims 3 and 13 have been incorporated into their respective base Claims 1 and 11, and Claims 3 and 13 have been canceled; these actions are taken without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.

Claims 1, 11 and 21 are independent.

Claims 1-2, 5, 11-12, 15 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,896,165 (Rao), and Claims 3, 4, 13 and 14 were rejected

under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Rao* in view of U.S. Patent 5,778,053 (Skarbo et al.).

Independent Claim 1 is directed to a communication apparatus capable of receiving communication information from the outside, that comprises means for discriminating presence or absence of reception of communication information, and means for executing control, in a case of reception of communication information, to set a recording apparatus, capable of recording. According to Claim 1, the control means executes control, in a case where the communication information is judged as being an image signal, to cause the recording apparatus to start recording and to record the recording start point at the start of recording..

As stated above, Claim 1 is identical in scope to original Claim 3, and accordingly, is believed to be clearly allowable over *Rao* taken alone.

The Office Action cites *Skarbo* for a teaching of recording the recording start point at the start of recording, as recited in original Claim 3. However, the cited portion (column 8, lines 4-34) of *Skarbo* appears to Applicant only to mention the operation of "tracking", and is not seen to teach or suggest recording the recording start point at the start of recording.

For at least this reason, Claim 1 is believed to be clearly allowable over *Skarbo*, even if combined with *Rao* (assuming *arguendo* that such combination would even be permissible).

Independent Claims 11 and 21 are method and computer memory medium claims, respectively, corresponding to apparatus Claim 1, and are believed to be patentable for at least the same reasons as discussed above in connection with Claim 1.

A review of the other art of record has failed to reveal anything which, in Applicant's opinion, would remedy the deficiencies of the art discussed above, as references against the independent claims herein. Those claims are therefore believed patentable over the art of record.

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one or the other of independent Claims 1 and 11, discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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VERSION OF CLAIMS MARKED TO SHOW CHANGES

1. (Amended) A communication apparatus capable of receiving communication information from the outside, comprising:

discrimination means for discriminating presence or absence of reception of the communication information; and

control means for executing control, in a case of reception of the communication information, to set a recording apparatus, capable of recording,

wherein said control means executes control, in a case where the communication information is judged as the image signal, to cause the recording apparatus to start recording and to record the recording start point at the start of recording.
2. (Amended) A communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said discrimination means has a function of discriminating whether the communication information is an image signal, and said control means executes control, in case the communication information is judged as the image signal, to cause [said] the recording apparatus to start recording.
4. (Amended) A communication apparatus according to claim [3] 1, wherein said control means executes control, in a case where the communication information is judged as the image signal, to cause [said] the recording apparatus to start recording and to record identification information for recognizing the recording start point at the start of recording.
5. (Amended) A communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said recording apparatus includes transmission means for transmitting said

communication information, and said control means executes control, through said transmission means, to set [said] the recording apparatus in a state capable of recording.

7. (Amended) A communication apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said communication apparatus is [applicable to] constructed to be usable as a message telephone.

11. (Amended) A communication information recording method adapted for use in a communication apparatus capable of receiving communication information from the outside, the method comprising:

a discrimination step₁ of discriminating presence or absence of reception of the communication information; and

a control step₁ of executing control, in case of reception of the communication information, to set a recording apparatus, capable of recording the communication information, in a state capable of recording,

wherein said control step includes executing control, in a case where the communication information is judged as the image signal, to cause the recording apparatus to start recording and to record the recording start point at the start of recording.

12. (Amended) A communication information recording method according to claim 11, wherein said discrimination step has a function of discriminating whether the communication information is an image signal, and said control step [executes] includes executing control, in a case where the communication information is judged as the image signal, to cause [said] the recording apparatus to start recording.

14. (Amended) A communication information recording method according to claim 11, wherein said control means executes control, in case the communication information is judged as the image signal, to cause [said] the recording apparatus to start recording and to record identification information for recognizing the recording start point at the start of recording.

15. (Amended) A communication information recording method according to claim 11, further comprising a transmission step of transmitting said communication information to [said] the recording apparatus, wherein said control step [executes] includes executing control, through said transmission step, to set [said] the recording apparatus in a state capable of recording.

16. (Amended) A communication information recording method according to claim 15, wherein said transmission step [transmits] includes transmitting said communication information according to the IEEE 1394-based interface standard.

17. (Amended) A communication information recording method according to claim 11, wherein [said] the communication apparatus is a message telephone.

18. (Amended) A communication information recording method according to claim 11, wherein [said] the recording apparatus is a magnetic recording apparatus.

19. (Amended) A communication information recording method according to claim 11, wherein [said] the recording apparatus is a video tape recorder.

20. (Amended) A communication information recording method according to claim 11, wherein [said] the recording apparatus is a hard disk device.

21. (Amended) A computer readable memory medium storing a program for executing a communication information recording method adapted for use in a communication apparatus capable of receiving communication information from the outside, the method comprising a discrimination step₁ of discriminating presence or absence of reception of the communication information; and a control step₁ of executing control, in a case of reception of the communication information, to set a recording apparatus, capable of recording the communication information, in a state capable of recording, wherein said control step includes executing control, in a case where the communication information is judged as the image signal, to cause the recording apparatus to start recording and to record the recording start of recording.